Department for the appointment of a Special Officer for the preparation of a Municipal Manual. The necessity for this Manual was urged by the Municipal Conference held in 1119. The Government are also convinced of the necessity for a Manual for the efficient working of the Municipalities. The work is proposed to be entrusted to the Local Fund Examiner. He is to be assisted by an Inspector specially deputed for the purpose with a small staff. I request that the grant may be passed by the House.

The question that a sum of Rs. 1,000 be granted under Demand V—General Administration, Financial Secretariat, Accountant General's Office and Local Fund Audit Department was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND VI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE BODIES—Rs. 7,000.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 7,000 under Demand VI—General Administration—Legislative Bodies as an additional allotment on account of bye-election charges.

This amount is needed for expenditure on account of bye-election charges and for remuneration for election tribunal. There is only a grant of Rs. 5,000 in the budget and the expenditure so far incurred has almost exceeded the budget allotment. This is due to the unusually large number of election petitions we had this year. The Election Commissioners have disposed of two petitions and they will surely take a little more time to finish the remaining work. To meet this expenditure I request that a sum of Rs. 7,000 be granted by the House.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 7,000 under Demand VI—General Administration—Legislative Bodies was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND VIII—JAILS—Rs. 68.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: I move for a grant of Rs. 68 under Demand VIII—Jails for payment of house rent allowance for the Deputy Jailor, Jail Manufactory.

This amount is needed for payment of a house rent allowance to the Deputy Jailor whose hours of work in the Jail are from 8-30 in the morning to 5 in the evening. Besides that he has to be in charge of the Jail when the Jailor is away on court duty. He has to be in the Jail premises also during Sundays. Therefore Government thought that they could give him quarters in the Jail itself

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so that he might live within the Jail premises, but on account of the heavy cost of building materials, Government thought it would be desirable to postpone the construction of the quarters and in the meanwhile to give him a house rent allowance so that he might be able to live in the neighbourhood of the Jail and be available for work at any time when wanted. I therefore request that this small sum of Rs. 68 may be granted by the House.

The question that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 68 under Demand VIII—Jails—was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND IX—POLICE—Rs. 684.

Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar (*Inspector General of Police*): I move for a grant of Rs. 684 under Demand IX—Police—for the opening of a Police outpost at Thidanad. On account of the increase in crime in that area it was thought necessary to further police that area, and the opening of the outpost at Thidanad which is a centre for crime and rowdyism would put down this tendency to crime. I recommended the opening of the outpost and the Government approved of my proposal. The strength of the outpost would be one head-constable and four constables.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker (*Mavelikara and Thiruvalla cum Pathanamthitta*): May I know whether any special circumstances have arisen to make this demand after the budget?

Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar: It was only at the time of the preparation of the Administration Report that it was found that crimes were on the increase. After considering some alternative suggestions it was decided to open the outpost at Thidanad. By then, the budget session was over.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 684 under Demand IX—Police was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIX—AGRICULTURE—Rs. 1,000.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 1,000 for subsidy to Municipalities on account of the scheme for composting town refuse into manure.

The Imperial Council of Agricultural Research offered to this Government a subsidy of Rs. 1,000 for distribution among municipalities for composting town refuse into manure. Most of the

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